

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

Herein disclosed is a certification system ~~(10) comprising~~ including a plurality of storage devices ~~(21, 22, 23)~~ each storing therein identification information and a certification apparatus ~~(30)~~ including certification ~~means (31a)~~ unit for certifying whether or not each of the storage devices ~~(21, 22, 23)~~ is an authorized device authorized to use components mounted on a vehicle, ~~and in which, the~~ The storage devices ~~(21, 22, 23)~~ ~~includes~~ include an authorized storage device (22) to be certified as being the authorized device, and a master storage device ~~(21)~~ to be used to certify the authorized storage device (22) as being the authorized device, ~~the~~ The certification apparatus ~~(30)~~ includes an obtaining ~~means (31b)~~ unit for obtaining the identification information stored in each of the storage devices ~~(21, 22, 23)~~, a storage ~~means (31c)~~ unit for storing therein information, and a storage control unit ~~means (31d)~~ for controlling the storage unit ~~means (31c)~~ to have the storage ~~means (31c)~~ unit store therein the information, ~~the~~ The certification ~~means (31a)~~ unit is operative to certify whether or not each of the storage devices ~~(21, 22, 23)~~ is the authorized device on the basis of the identification information of each of the storage devices ~~(21, 22, 23)~~ obtained by the obtaining ~~means (31b)~~ unit and the information stored in the storage ~~means (31c)~~ unit, and the certification ~~means (31a)~~ unit is operative to certify that ~~said the~~ master storage device (21) is not the authorized device under the condition that the storage ~~means (31c)~~ unit has already stored therein the identification information of the one of the authorized storage devices ~~(22)~~, and the storage control ~~means (31d)~~ unit is operative to control the storage ~~means (31c)~~ unit to have the storage ~~means (31c)~~ unit store therein the identification information of the authorized storage device (22) obtained by the obtaining ~~means (31b)~~ unit only under the condition that the certification ~~means (31a)~~ unit certifies the master storage device (21) as being the authorized device.

Attachment